

## Roger Williams University DOCS@RWU

---

Commencement (1996- )

Archives & Law School History

---

5-17-2003

# RWU School of Law Commencement (May 17, 2003)

Roger Williams University School of Law

Follow this and additional works at: [http://docs.rwu.edu/law\\_archives\\_commencement](http://docs.rwu.edu/law_archives_commencement)



Part of the [Law Commons](#)

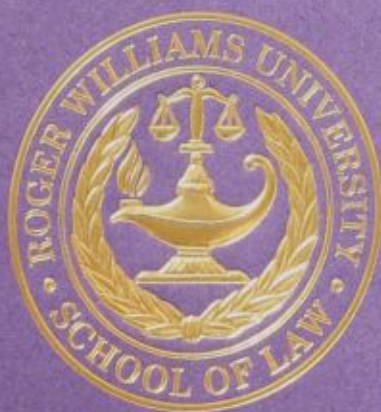
---

### Recommended Citation

Roger Williams University School of Law, "RWU School of Law Commencement (May 17, 2003)" (2003). *Commencement (1996- )*. Paper 1.  
[http://docs.rwu.edu/law\\_archives\\_commencement/1](http://docs.rwu.edu/law_archives_commencement/1)

This Document is brought to you for free and open access by the Archives & Law School History at DOCS@RWU. It has been accepted for inclusion in Commencement (1996- ) by an authorized administrator of DOCS@RWU. For more information, please contact [mwu@rwu.edu](mailto:mwu@rwu.edu).

ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY  
RALPH R. PAPITTO  
SCHOOL OF LAW



COMMENCEMENT

MAY 17, 2003  
BRISTOL, RHODE ISLAND

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES • MAY 17, 2003  
 CLASS OF TWO THOUSAND AND THREE  
 BRUCE I. KOGAN, INTERIM DEAN — PRESIDING

PRELUDE .....	<i>Prelude, Sigurd Jorasalfar</i> by Edvard Grieg
PROCESSIONAL .....	<i>Pomp and Circumstance March</i> by Edward Elgar
NATIONAL ANTHEM .....	The Ralph Stuart Orchestra
INVOCATION .....	Canon John Van Siclen Rector, St. Michael's Church, Bristol, Rhode Island
INTRODUCTION .....	Interim Dean Bruce I. Kogan
TRUSTEES' GREETINGS .....	Ralph R. Papitto Chairman of the Board of Trustees
PRESIDENT'S REMARKS .....	Roy J. Nirschel, Ph.D. Roger Williams University
INTRODUCTION OF DEAN-DESIGNATE DAVID A. LOGAN .....	Interim Dean Bruce I. Kogan
ALUMNI WELCOME .....	Michael W. Field, Esq., '97 Law Alumni Association President
CONFERRING OF THE HONORARY DEGREES Presented by: Ralph R. Papitto Ferdinand A. Bruno, Esq. William T. O'Hara University Trustees .....	Margaret E. Curran United States Attorney for the District of Rhode Island  Roscoe C. Howard, Jr. United States Attorney for the District of Columbia
ADDRESS .....	Roscoe C. Howard, Jr. Risks & Rewards: Making a Difference with Public Service
VALEDICTORY ADDRESS .....	Carroll John Connelley – <i>Day Division Valedictorian</i> John R. Harrington – <i>Extended Division Valedictorian</i>
PRESENTATION OF GRADUATING CLASS .....	Interim Dean Bruce I. Kogan
CONFERRING OF DEGREES .....	President Roy J. Nirschel, Ph.D.
BENEDICTION .....	Canon John Van Siclen Rector, St. Michael's Church, Bristol, Rhode Island
RECESSIONAL .....	<i>Grand March from "Aida"</i> by Giuseppe Verdi

The Audience is requested to remain seated during the recessional.

*Degree Candidates and their families and friends are welcome to join the Commencement Celebration immediately following this Ceremony in the School of Law.*

*Roger Williams University Pipes and Drums, under the direction of Pipe-Major Eric M. Armour.*



## MARGARET E. CURRAN



For almost twenty years, Margaret Ellen Curran has served our community as a distinguished prosecutor in the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Rhode Island. Her outstanding efforts in that office culminated in her appointment as Rhode Island's first woman United States Attorney in 1998.

Ms. Curran entered the United States Attorney's Office in 1986 as an Assistant United States Attorney and beginning in 1990 she was the appellate chief of the office. Since her appointment as United States Attorney, the Office has successfully brought scores of significant criminal and civil cases including the "plunderdome" prosecutions of corruption in the Providence mayor's office. During this busy public career, Ms. Curran has also found time to teach advanced criminal procedure as an adjunct faculty member at Roger Williams University Ralph R. Papitto School of Law.

Ms. Curran received her B.A. degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1974, a M.S. from Purdue University in 1976, and her law degree in 1983 from the University of Connecticut School of Law where she was editor of the law review. After graduating from law school, Ms. Curran served as a law clerk for the Honorable Bruce M. Seyla of the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, then as a United States District Court judge in Providence and subsequently as a clerk to the Honorable Thomas J. Meskill of the United States Circuit Court for the Second Circuit.

A native Rhode Islander, Ms. Curran has also served her community as a chairperson of the Rhode Island Zoological Society which raises money for the Roger Williams Park Zoo. Ms. Curran has a keen interest in the Roger Williams Park Zoo and as an undergraduate student majored in biology and worked with wolves and mountain gorillas. A resident of Providence, Ms. Curran is married to Michael H. Feldhuhn and has a daughter, Margy.

*Margaret Ellen Curran, you have worked unstintingly in the public service and improved your community in important and long-lasting ways. You serve as an inspiration and example to our graduates, and we are honored to award you this Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.*

Given this seventeenth day of May, two thousand and three.

In both the courtroom and the classroom Roscoe C. Howard, Jr. has established a reputation as a brilliant tactician, a powerful intellect, a national expert on the criminal justice system and a dedicated public servant. We are honored by his presence at the Roger Williams University Ralph R. Papitto School of Law Commencement Exercises.

Mr. Howard was appointed and confirmed as the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia in September 2001. Prior to his appointment as the United States Attorney, Mr. Howard was a member of the faculty at the University of Kansas School of Law from 1994 to 2001. While a member of the faculty, Mr. Howard taught courses on criminal law and procedure, authored a text on criminal procedure, supervised the criminal justice clinic and the judicial clerkship clinic and was awarded the Frederick S. Moreau Award as the law professor chosen by the students as most helpful in advising and counseling students.

Both before and during his academic career, Mr. Howard has had extensive and distinguished experience as a federal prosecutor. He first joined the Justice Department as an Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Columbia in 1984. While in that office, he was assigned to the criminal trial division, the felony trial division, the grand jury division and the appellate division. From 1989 to 1991, Mr. Howard served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia. In Virginia, he handled cases arising from the general crimes section including felony narcotics cases, fraud cases, obstruction of justice cases and public corruption cases. In 1991, Mr. Howard was appointed Associate Independent Counsel in the Office of the Independent Counsel and was lead prosecutor in the investigation of programs, officials, and activities of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. In 1997, Mr. Howard was again appointed as Associate Independent Counsel and served as lead trial counsel in the fraud, false statements, and gratuities investigation and trial of former Secretary of Agriculture Michael Espy.

Mr. Howard has authored numerous works on issues relating to criminal justice and affirmative action. He has also lectured throughout the country on a wide range of topics, such as, the future of the independent counsel statute, the prosecution of white collar crime, the admissibility of expert testimony, police ethics, and the role of minority prosecutors.

While earning a A.B. at Brown University in 1977, Mr. Howard played on the varsity football team. He then received his juris doctor degree from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1977. Mr. Howard married his law school classmate, Deborah Ryan Howard, and is the father of two sons, Ryan and Adam.

*Roscoe C. Howard, Jr., your commitment to public service and to the development of the criminal justice system serve as an example to all of our graduates, and we are honored to award you this Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.*

Given this seventeenth day of May, two thousand and three.



# SCHOOL OF LAW DEGREE CANDIDATES

## JURIS DOCTOR

Lesley Abate	John M. Endrusick	Stephen Domenic Mosca
Michelle Marie Alves **	Barbara K. Engel	Sharad Anand Motiani
Veronica Ann Amaral	Stephanie L. Federico	Barr Benjamin Musof
Sana Asstafan	James A. Forcier, Jr.	Sharon Bliss Neuman *
Sean A. Baird	Christian D. Frey	Jennifer A. Niedzinski
Rochelle R. Barbosa	Mark P. Gagliardi	Mary Norton-Bobrowski ***
Doris A. Barnett **	Celso S. Galvao ***	Jason S. Nunnermacker
Melissa M. Barry	Danielle Marie Garvey	Peter P. Pascucci †
Madeleine Butterfield Bass	Jennifer Anna Griffith	Stephen P. Patti ***
Ginger Bayles	Gia Marie Guido	Trisha Lynn Perry-McGowan
Neville Joseph Bedford	Jonathan Todd Hall	Anthony J. Piazza
Kizzy M. Bloomfield **	John R. Harrington †**	Keri L. Pluck
Jennifer Paige Borden	Patricia McLaughlin Hessler	Michael D. Pushee
Yvonne M. Borelli-Chace *	Olivia K. Izzi	David P. Roche
Monique N. Brady *	Michele Ann Jackson	Susan Knorr Rodriguez **
Justin Paul Brake	Jonathan Lyle Jaussi	Todd J. Romano
Erin Janss Bryant, Esq. †*	Jessica Francis Kallipolites	Scott A. Russell
Holly Gretchen Briggs	Candace T. King	Lisa Ann Salas
John L. Calcagni, III **	Brion Jeffrey Kirsch	Timothy Michael Sheehy
Jessica L. Macari Capobianco	Raymond Paul Kuhn	Carl Richard Shewack †
Bathsheba Alexandra Carde	Jeffrey A. Laramée	Todd Anson Shove
Mary Maureen Carleton	Joe H. Lawson II	Cesar Sousa
Steven Anthony Colantuono	Jennifer M. Leuschner	Debbie Ann Souza
Dana Elizabeth Coles	Rebecca Ruth MacGregor	Kirsten M. Stackpole
Carroll John Connelley **	Ken Magee †	Joshua J. Stewart
Marjorie A. Connelly **	Gayle C. Mambro-Martin	Kelly Lynn Swan
Kathleen A. Corbishley	Felicia A. Manni-Paquette	Jill A. Taft
Karen Katherine Corcoran *	Mia Ann Manzotti	Ronaldo Tapia
Paul R. Crowell *	Louise A. Marcus **	Malda Suzanne Tyks ***
Diana deGroof	Anthony Scott Marlow	Nicole Chabot Vidal
Jose A. Despian, Jr.	Patricia A. McArdle	Joel J. Votolato
David Diaz ***	Michael J. McCarthy	Margaret Elizabeth Wall
Joy Cara Dingle	Camille Ann McKenna *	Wendy Ann Waller †*
David Martin Dolbashian	Amy S. Mello **	Jeffrey D. Waterman
John I. Donovan	Douglas M. Mercurio	Elizabeth A. Wiens
Lisa Marie Dos Anjos	Roberta B. Merkle	Daniel J. Williams
Debra Anne Dunleavy	Scott S. Metcalfe ***	Thomas Jefferson Crofford Woods, III
Wallace Gary Earle	Yousef Monadjemi	Faisal R. Zeid Al-Hussein **
William Elderkin, Jr.	Christopher David Moore	

*Honorary distinction, awarded to students who have met all requirements, are based upon final cumulative grade point averages which are:*

\*\*\*Summa cum laude – 3.75; \*\*Magna cum laude – 3.5; \*Cum laude – 3.25.

† Joint degree with University of Rhode Island, JD/Master of Marine Affairs

\* Graduation date, December 2002

\*\* Anticipated graduation date, July 2003

\*\*\* Anticipated graduation date, December 2003

ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY  
LAW REVIEW

The following students constitute the 2002-2003 Editorial Board and Staff of the *Roger Williams University Law Review* and are responsible for publication of Volume Eight of the *Law Review*. Appointment to the Board of Editors is one of the highest honors bestowed upon law students.

Susan Knorr Rodriguez  
*Editor-in-Chief*

Mark P. Gagliardi  
*Executive Articles Editor*

Jill A. Taft  
*Executive Articles Editor*

Margaret Elizabeth Wall  
*Articles Editor*

Michelle Marie Alves  
*Notes & Comments Editor*

Camille Ann McKenna  
*Notes & Comments Editor*

Marjorie A. Connelly  
*Survey Editor*

Joe H. Lawson, II  
*Senior Staff*

*Faculty Advisors:*  
Professor Barbara L. Bernier and  
Professor Edward J. Eberle



## MOOT COURT

The Moot Court Board is intended to develop the art of legal advocacy and brief writing through intra-scholastic and inter-school moot court competition. Those selected as the best appellate advocates in the intra-scholastic competition are awarded the Clark Prize for Excellence in Advocacy. The Society also sponsors inter-scholastic teams which compete against representatives from law schools across the nation.

### Moot Court Board

Joy Cara Dingle  
*President*

Peter P. Pascucci  
*Vice President/  
Interschool Chairperson*

Todd J. Romano  
*Intraschool Chairperson*

Jonathan Lyle Jaussi  
*First Year Advising Chairperson*

John L. Calacagni  
*Finance Chairperson*

Stephanie L. Federico  
Mark P. Gagliardi  
Camille Ann McKenna  
*General Members*

*Faculty Advisor:*  
Professor B. Mitchell Simpson, III

Judge John R. Brown Admiralty  
Moot Court Competition Team  
Peter P. Pascucci  
Todd J. Romano  
Jill A. Taft

*Faculty Advisor:*  
Visiting Professor Jon W. Shelburne

### Inter-Scholastic Moot Court Competition Teams (2002-2003)

*Henry G. Manne Moot Court Competition  
in Law and Economics*

Mark P. Gagliardi  
Jonathan Lyle Jaussi

*Faculty Advisor:*  
Visiting Professor Dale B. Thompson

*National Juvenile Law  
Moot Court Competition*  
Joy Cara Dingle  
Camille Ann McKenna

*Faculty Advisors:*  
Professors Barbara L. Bernier, Andrew Horwitz,  
and Emily Sack

### American Bar Association Section on Dispute Resolution Representation in Mediation Competition

Madeleine Butterfield Bass<sup>2</sup>  
John Finch<sup>2</sup>  
Louise A. Marcus<sup>1</sup>  
Bruce K. Waidler<sup>1</sup>

1 = Regional Winner and National Third Place Winner  
2 = Regional Third Place Winner

*Adjunct Faculty Advisor:*  
Kathleen Birt, Esq.



## SELECTED HONORS EARNED BY MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2003

### VALEDICTORIANS

The members of the graduating class achieving the highest cumulative grade-point-averages over the entire course of study in the day division and the extended division will address the class during Commencement Ceremonies.

Carroll John Connelley – *Day Division*  
John R. Harrington – *Extended Division*

### THE CLARK PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE IN APPELLATE ADVOCACY

Those students who capture first place in the written and oral intra-scholastic moot court competition share in a generous award donated by former Distinguished Visiting Professor Esther F. Clark. Members of the graduating class who received this award during the course of their studies are:

*Best Brief and Best Team*  
Mark P. Gagliardi      Jonathan Lyle Jaussi

*Faculty Advisor:*  
Professor B. Mitchell Simpson, III

### INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF TRIAL LAWYERS

#### STUDENT ADVOCACY AWARD

This award is presented to a student who demonstrates an overall ability in trial advocacy by high achievement in trial practice, evidence, and pleading and procedure courses.

Michelle Marie Alves  
John L. Calcagni, III

### JACK AND LOUISE BIRNBERG FAMILY FOUNDATION AWARD

This award honors a graduating student who has demonstrated perseverance, determination, and dedication to succeed throughout his or her entire law school career.

Kizzy M. Bloomfield

### AMERICAN BANKRUPTCY INSTITUTE MEDAL OF EXCELLENCE

The American Bankruptcy Institute awards students on their outstanding performance in bankruptcy coursework. Recipients receive a complimentary one-year membership in the ABI.

Carroll John Connelley

## SELECTED HONORS EARNED DURING THE 2002-2003 ACADEMIC YEAR

### TRIAL TEAM

The following students were selected to participate in inter-scholastic trial team competitions:

#### *National Trial Team Competition*

Michelle Marie Alves<sup>1,2</sup>  
Holly Gretchen Briggs  
Summer Clarke<sup>2</sup>  
Kathleen A. Corbishley<sup>3</sup>  
Jennifer A. Niedzinski<sup>1</sup>  
Jason S. Nunnermacker<sup>2,3</sup>

1 = 2002 Regional Finalist

2 = 2003 Regional Semi-Finalist

3 = 2002 Regional Semi-Finalist

#### *Faculty Advisor:*

Associate Professor David M. Zlotnick

#### *Attorney Coach:*

Thomas Mirza, Esq.

#### *Association of Trial Lawyers of America Competition*

Rochelle R. Barbosa\*  
Tenley I. Beals  
John L. Calcagni III\*  
Stephanie L. Federico\*  
James A. Forcier, Jr.  
Kathleen Giles  
Dana J. Gravina  
Thomas J. Mello\*  
Christopher David Moore

\*Regional Winner and National Semi-finalist

#### *Faculty Advisor:*

Professor Larry J. Ritchie

#### *Coach:*

Superior Court Judge Daniel Procaccini

### SCHOLARSHIPS

The following students were awarded scholarships based on academic performance:

#### *Law Alumni Association Scholarship*

This award recognizes academic excellence of second year students.

Debra Anne Dunleavy – *Day Division*  
John R. Harrington – *Extended Division*

#### *Professor Esther Clark Endowed Scholarship*

The scholarship is awarded to a rising second year student on the basis of outstanding academic performance.

Michelle Marie Alves

#### *Thurgood Marshall Memorial Scholarship*

This scholarship is awarded to a law student of color who has completed his/her second year curriculum and has demonstrated academic merit.

Joy Cara Dingle

#### *Gary Bahr Memorial Scholarship*

This award recognizes a first year student who received the highest combined academic average in Contracts and Torts for their division.

Amy S. Mello

# SELECTED HONORS EARNED BY MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2003

Each semester the student receiving the highest grade in each course is selected to receive a Center for Computer Assisted Legal Instruction (CALI) award certificate. Members of the graduating class who received this award for required classes during the course of their studies are:

Administrative Law	John R. Harrington	Fall 2001
Business Organizations	Marjorie A. Connelly	Fall 2001
Civil Procedure I	John L. Calcagni, III Marjorie A. Connelly	Fall 2000 Fall 2000
Civil Procedure II	John R. Harrington Wendy Ann Waller	Spring 2001 Spring 2001
Constitutional Law I	Michael J. McCarthy Mary Norton-Bobrowski	Spring 2001 Fall 2001
Contracts I	John R. Harrington Karen Katherine Corcoran	Fall 1999 Fall 2000
Contracts II	Marjorie A. Connelly Carroll John Connelley	Spring 2000 Spring 2001
Criminal Law	John R. Harrington Amy S. Mello	Summer 2000 Fall 2000
Criminal Procedure	Brion Jeffrey Kirsch Paul R. Crowell	Spring 2001 Spring 2001
Evidence	Marjorie A. Connelly Mary Norton-Bobrowski	Spring 2001 Fall 2001
Federal Income Tax	Marjorie A. Connelly Carroll John Connelley	Fall 2000 Fall 2001
Legal Methods I	John R. Harrington Trisha Lynn Perry-McGowan Carroll John Connelley Karen Katherine Corcoran Ken Magee Michael D. Pushee Susan Knorr Rodriguez Wendy Ann Waller	Fall 1999 Fall 1999 Fall 2000 Fall 2000 Fall 2000 Fall 2000 Fall 2000 Fall 2000
Legal Methods II	John R. Harrington Camille Ann McKenna Amy S. Mello Michael D. Pushee Susan Knorr Rodriguez Todd J. Romano Lisa Ann Salas	Spring 2000 Spring 2001 Spring 2001 Spring 2001 Spring 2001 Spring 2001 Spring 2001
Professional Responsibility	Jennifer M. Leuschner Carroll John Connelley Amy S. Mello	Summer 2000 Fall 2001 Fall 2001
Property	Louise A. Marcus	Spring 2000
Torts	Veronica Ann Amaral	Fall 2000

ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY  
RALPH R. PAPITTO  
SCHOOL OF LAW

STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

2002-2003 Board of Governors

President	Joel J. Votolato
Executive Vice President	William Elderkin, Jr.
Administrative Vice President	Susan L. Darnell
Treasurer	Peter P. Pascucci
Recording Secretary	Deborah Niedfeldt
Corresponding Secretary	Holly Gretchen Briggs
ABA Law Student Division Representative	Robert Park Palmer
Class Representative, Day Division, 3rd Year	Brion Jeffrey Kirsch
Class Representative, Extended Division, 3rd Year	Karen F. Jurczak
Class Representative, Day Division, 2nd Year	Nagesh V. Tammara
Class Representative, Extended Division, 2nd Year	Erika J. Cherko
Class Representative, Day Division, 1st Year	Ronald J. Grant
Class Representative, Extended Division, 1st Year	Stephen R. Muschiano
Representative-at-Large	Douglas M. Mercurio
<i>The Docket</i> , Editor-in-Chief	Neville Joseph Bedford



ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY  
RALPH R. PAPITTO  
SCHOOL OF LAW

Administration

Roy J. Nirschel, Ph.D.  
*President, Roger Williams University and  
Roger Williams University Ralph R. Papitto  
School of Law*

Bruce I. Kogan  
*Interim Dean and Professor of Law*

Diana Hassel  
*Associate Dean for Academic Affairs,  
Associate Professor of Law*

Renee E. Alten  
*Assistant Director of Admissions*

Laurie Barron  
*Director of the Feinstein Institute for Legal Service*

Michael W. Boylen  
*Director of Admissions*

Margie Caranci  
*Law Clinic Administrator*

Chelsie Horne  
*Director of Alumni, Programs and Events*

Kathy Massa  
*Director of Business Services*

John Moffa  
*Director of Media Services*

Dennis J. Tonsing  
*Dean of Students and  
Director of Academic Support Program*

Elizabeth Tobin Tyler  
*Associate Director of the Feinstein Institute for  
Legal Service*

Linda J. Vieira  
*Director of Student Finance and Records*

Paul Viveiros  
*Director of Administrative Services*

Nancy Waggner  
*Director of Career Services*

Gail I. Winson  
*Director of Law Library and  
Associate Professor of Law*

Professional Library Staff

Nanette Kelley Balliot  
*Reader Services Librarian*

Emilie Benoit  
*Reference Librarian*

Stephanie Edwards  
*Collection Services Librarian*

Lucinda Harrison-Cox  
*Public Services/Electronic Services Librarian*

Kathleen MacAndrew  
*Catalog Librarian*

ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY  
RALPH R. PAPITTO  
SCHOOL OF LAW

Faculty

Kim Baker  
*Writing Specialist*

Barbara L. Bernier  
*Associate Professor of Law*

Carl T. Bogus  
*Professor of Law*

Kathleen Burch  
*Professor of Legal Writing*

Debra Ruth Cohen  
*Visiting Associate Professor of Law*

Elizabeth Colt  
*Professor of Legal Writing*

Edward J. Eberle  
*Professor of Law*

Jessica Elliott  
*Director and Professor  
of the Legal Writing Program*

Jonathan M. Gutoff  
*Associate Professor of Law*

Matthew P. Harrington  
*Professor of Law*

Diana Hassel  
*Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and  
Associate Professor of Law*

Andrew Horwitz  
*Associate Professor of Law and Director of  
Criminal Defense Clinic*

John Paul Jones  
*Visiting Professor of Law*

Robert B. Kent  
*Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law*

Bruce I. Kogan  
*Interim Dean and Professor of Law*

John Kunich  
*Associate Professor of Law*

Anne Lawton  
*Associate Professor of Law*

Peter S. Margulies  
*Professor of Law and  
Director of Disability Law Clinic*

Lisa T. McElroy  
*Professor of Legal Writing*

Colleen P. Murphy  
*Professor of Law*

George C. Nnona  
*Associate Professor of Law*

David A. Rice  
*Professor of Law*

Harvey Rishikof  
*Professor of Law*

Larry J. Ritchie  
*Professor of Law*

Emily Sack  
*Associate Professor of Law*

Ellen M. Saideman  
*Professor of Legal Writing*

Anthony J. Santoro  
*Professor of Law and President Emeritus*

Jon W. Shelburne  
*Visiting Assistant Professor of Law*

B. Mitchell Simpson, III  
*Professor of Legal Writing*

Louise E. Teitz  
*Associate Professor of Law*

Dale B. Thompson  
*Visiting Assistant Professor of Law*

Robert M. C. Webster  
*Director of International Studies*

Gail I. Winson  
*Associate Professor of Law and  
Director of Law Library*

Michael J. Yelnosky  
*Professor of Law*

David M. Zlotnick  
*Associate Professor of Law*

ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY

RALPH R. PAPITTO  
SCHOOL OF LAW

Adjunct Faculty

Kathleen Birt  
*Mediation Consultants, Inc.*

Col. Frederic L. Borch  
*United States Army*

Jerry Cohen  
*Perkins, Smith & Cohen, LLP*

Robert E. Collins  
*Attorney*

Lt. Christopher J. Corvo  
*United States Navy*

Stephen E. Davis  
*Senior Vice President  
General Counsel & Secretary (Retired)  
IBJ Schroder Bank & Trust*

William J. Delaney  
*Tillinghast Licht Perkins Smith & Cohen*

Dennis H. Esposito  
*Adler Pollock & Sheehan*

Robert Falvey  
*Falvey Cargo Underwriting*

Janet Gilligan  
*Rhode Island Legal Services*

The Honorable Gilbert V. Indeglia  
*Associate Justice, Superior Court of Rhode Island*

Lise Iwon  
*Lawrence & Iwon*

Barbara Margolis  
*Deputy Disciplinary Counsel,  
Rhode Island Supreme Court*

John P. Marley  
*United States Department of Justice*

Captain Andrew R. McConville  
*United States Marine Corps*

W. James McKay  
*Adler Pollock & Sheehan*

Joan McPhee  
*Ropes & Gray*

Gregory P. Noone  
*Attorney*

David J. Oliveira  
*Attorney*

James R. Oswald  
*Adler Pollock & Sheehan*

John Pendergast  
*Hinkley Allen & Snyder*

David Riedel  
*Tillinghast Licht Perkins Smith & Cohen*

Richard Rose  
*Assistant United States Attorney  
District of Rhode Island*

Sheryl Serreze  
*Attorney*

Mark Sjoberg  
*Sjoberg & Votta*

Matthew Sleprow  
*Sleprow Sleprow & Bettencourt, Inc.*

David M. Spatt  
*Attorney*

Brian P. Stern  
*Deputy Chief  
State of Rhode Island & Providence Plantations  
Department of Business Regulation*

Glenn M. Sulmasy  
*Lt. Commander, United States Coast Guard*

Associate Justice Netti C. Vogel  
*Rhode Island Superior Court*

Lt. Andru W. Wall  
*United States Navy*

Joseph D. Whelan  
*Hinkley Allen & Snyder*

The Honorable Frank J. Williams  
*Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Rhode Island*

ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY  
RALPH R. PAPITTO  
SCHOOL OF LAW

School of Law Board of Directors

Ralph R. Papitto, '85H

*Chairman*

*Chairman, AFC Cable Systems, Inc.*

The Hon. Victoria Lederberg, '01H\*

*Secretary*

*Associate Justice, The Supreme Court of Rhode Island*

Roy J. Nirschel, Ph.D.

*President, Roger Williams University and*

*Roger Williams University Ralph R. Papitto*

*School of Law*

James C. Noonan

*Treasurer*

*Vice President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer,  
Roger Williams University*

William T. O'Hara

*Secretary*

*President Emeritus, Bryant College and Executive  
Director of its Institute for Family Enterprise*

John Tarantino, Esq.

*Director*

*Attorney at Law, Adler Pollock & Sheehan*

Roger Williams University Board of Trustees

Ralph R. Papitto, '85H

*Chairman of the Board of Trustees*

*Chairman, AFC Cable Systems, Inc.*

John Tarantino, Esq.

*Vice Chair*

*Attorney at Law,*

*Adler Pollock & Sheehan*

The Hon. Victoria Lederberg, '01H\*

*Vice Chair & Secretary*

*Associate Justice, The Supreme Court of Rhode Island*

Ferdinand A. Bruno, Esq.

*Attorney at Law*

Katharine B. Cushing

*Managing Director and Senior Consultant,*

*Wainwright Investment Counsel, LLC*

Philip D'Angelo

*Private Investor*

Joseph R. Esposito, Jr.

*President, Esposito Jewelry, Inc.*

Mario J. Gabelli, '92H

*Chairman and CEO,*

*Gabelli Asset Management, Inc.*

Raymond H. Keller

*Financial Consultant*

Stephen B. Kistner

*Managing Director,*

*State Street Global Advisors*

Sally E. Lapides

*President, Residential Properties, Ltd.*

Roy J. Nirschel, Ph.D.

*President, Roger Williams University and*

*Roger Williams University Ralph R. Papitto*

*School of Law*

William T. O'Hara

*President Emeritus, Bryant College and Executive*

*Director of its Institute for Family Enterprise*

Edward Pieroni, J.D., C.F.P.

*Principal*

*Andsager, Bartlett & Pieroni, LLP*

James Lynn Singleton

*President,*

*Providence Performing Arts Center*

Robert F. Stoico

*Chairman, President, and CEO,*

*FIRSTFED AMERICA BANCORP, INC.*

\*Deceased December 28, 2002



ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY  
RALPH R. PAPITTO  
SCHOOL OF LAW

Law School Advisory Board Members

Jametta Alston, Esq.  
*Rhode Island Department of the Attorney General*

The Honorable Edward Clifton  
*Associate Justice*  
*Superior Court of Rhode Island*

Michael DeFanti, Esq.  
*Attorney at Law*  
*Hinckley Allen & Snyder, LLP*

Andrew Douglass, Esq.  
*Attorney at Law*  
*Morrison, Mahoney & Miller*

Douglas Ellis, Esq.  
*Attorney at Law*  
*Ropes & Gray*

Michael Field, Esq., '97  
*Rhode Island Department of the Attorney General*

The Honorable Anthony Giannini  
*Presiding Justice (Retired)*  
*Superior Court of Rhode Island*

Roy J. Nirschel, Ph.D.  
*President*  
*Roger Williams University and*  
*Roger Williams University*  
*Ralph R. Papitto School of Law*

Barbara McGann  
*Executive Director*  
*American Red Cross of Rhode Island*

James McGuirk, Esq.  
*Attorney at Law*  
*Edwards & Angell*

William T. O'Hara  
*President Emeritus*  
*Bryant College and Executive Director of its*  
*Institute for Family Enterprise*

Ralph R. Papitto, '85H  
*Chairman*  
*AFC Cable Systems, Inc.*

Michael A. St. Pierre, Esq.  
*President*  
*Rhode Island Bar Association*

The Honorable Bruce M. Selya, '02H  
*U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit*

Douglas Sgarro, Esq.  
*Vice President and General Counsel*  
*CVS Corporation*

Andrew Spacone, Esq.  
*Senior Associate General Counsel*  
*Textron, Inc.*

John Tarantino, Esq.  
*Attorney at Law*  
*Adler Pollock & Sheehan*

The Honorable Joseph R. Weisberger, '97H  
*Chief Justice (Retired)*  
*Supreme Court of Rhode Island*

## ACADEMIC REGALIA

Academic dress originated more than 600 years ago at the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, where today, the most colorful gowns in the world are those worn at Oxford functions. Though worn daily in the Middle Ages to identify disciplines of study and to provide warmth, today, academic regalia is reserved for ceremonial occasions.

In the United States, the Academic Costume Code is adhered to by virtually all American colleges and universities. This governs the material, style, color, and trimmings of the gown and hood, the style of the cap, and the color of the tassel.

The field of learning in which the degree was awarded is indicated by the color of the edging of the hood, and in some cases by the color of the velvet trimming on the front panels and the sleeves. The doctor's gown, which may be worn open or closed, has velvet panels draped around the neck and along the front edges of the gown. Three horizontal bars are stitched on the upper arm of the full, bell-shaped sleeves. The standard academic color for law is purple.

This established code allows viewers to determine from the costume the degree, academic discipline and, often, the institution that awarded the degree. The gown of the Roger Williams University Ralph R. Papitto School of Law is black with purple velvet trimming. The hood has a velvet border of purple with a satin lining of a gold background with a blue chevron. The cap, or tam, is worn with a gold tassel.

